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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 41.33

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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment under 37 CFR § 41.33 is filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal filed on November 22, 2006 but before the filing date of an Appeal Brief. Claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 2-7 and 9 are rejected and subject to appeal. Claims 10-20 are withdrawn from consideration. A petition for a one month extension of time along with a check for \$120.00 is submitted along with this amendment.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.